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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES 46% FUNDING INCREASE FOR COLORADO IN NEW HIGHWAY BILL Colorado to Receive Highest Increase in Nation for Highway Funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Chairman of the Senate Housing and Transportation Subcommittee, announced that Colorado will receive more than \$2.455 billion, a 46.75% increase, in federal highway funding over the next five years due to the new transportation bill that emerged from a congressional conference committee late Wednesday evening. He also said he has also secured an additional \$110 million for specific Colorado highway projects in the bill.

Senator Allard was a member of the House-Senate Conference Committee that ironed out differences between the U.S. House and Senate versions of the legislation.

“I’m pleased to report that help is on the way for Colorado drivers,” said Senator Allard. “More than three years of hard work and negotiations have paid off; we finally have a transportation bill that will begin to meet Colorado’s many transportation needs.”

“As a member of the conference committee that ironed out differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill, I was able to secure a 46.75% increase in highway funding for Colorado, the highest increase of any state in the nation. In addition, I secured \$110 million for a long list of critical highway projects in Colorado.”

The following Colorado highway projects were included by Senator Allard in the transportation bill:

- \$14 million for Highway 50 widening and improvements in Southeastern Colorado, including \$12 million to widen Highway 50 into a four-lane roadway from Lamar to La Junta, and \$2 million for the Highway 50 and Highway 115 Penrose exit in Fremont County
- \$2 million for the Highway 34 and I-25 Greeley/Loveland Interchange
- \$2 million for Highway 395 and I-25 Windsor exit Interchange
- \$8 million for the Powers Boulevard and Woodmen Road Interchange in Colorado Springs
- \$3 million for the Highway 16 and I-25 Interchange, Phase 1, at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs
- \$6 million for I-25 between Denver and Fort Collins
- \$5 million for I-25 from Douglas/Arapahoe County Line to El Paso County
- \$3 million for the U.S. 287 Ports-to-Plains corridor in Southeastern Colorado
- \$1 million for the Glenwood Springs Bridge
- \$3 million for Parker and Arapahoe Road Interchange
- \$7 million for I-225 Parker Road to I-70

- \$3 million for the I-70 West Mountain Corridor from Denver to Garfield County
- \$4 million for improvements to U.S. 160 on Wolf Creek Pass
- \$5 million for Highway 24 Tennessee Pass improvements in Lake County
- \$4 million for the Wadsworth bypass in Jefferson County
- \$3 million for the I-70/Havana/Yosemite Interchange in Denver
- \$6 million for the I-70/Highway 58 Interchange in Jefferson County
- \$2 million for the Wadsworth/U.S. 36 Interchange in Broomfield
- \$4 million for the U.S. 36 corridor between Denver and Boulder
- \$1 million for the Bromley Lane/U.S. 85 Interchange
- \$1 million for the intersection of 104th and U.S. 85
- \$2 million for the I-70 East Multimodal Corridor
- \$5 million for I-76, Northeast Gateway
- \$2 million for the Wadsworth & Bowles Intersection
- \$2 million for U.S. 160 between Highway 3 and the Florida River
- \$4 million for the 56th Avenue & Quebec Street Intersection
- \$3 million for the Pecos Street Overpass in Adams County
- \$1 million for the U.S. 285 and Deer Creek Interchange
- \$4 million for the C-470 and U.S. 85 Interchange

Senator Allard said that he expected the transportation bill to be passed by both the House and Senate by Friday and signed into law by President Bush early next week.

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